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### 1. A Folding Panelized Window System

NanaWall Systems' Kitchen Transition panelized windows for indoor-outdoor kitchens now offer the RemoteStack feature, which makes it possible to remove panels from the opening and stack them to the side. Kitchen Transition is available in two configurations: a Folding System window-door combination and a Single-Track Sliding system with a zero-floor-track option. Any combination can be created for virtually any kitchen facing a backyard, courtyard, or deck, NanaWall says. RemoteStack pricing varies by selection. [nanawall.com](http://nanawall.com)



### 2. A Sleek Composite

Created from concrete and recycled glass, Formica Corp.'s new Quartz Composite is inspired by the look of traditional quartz. Its pattern features medium- to fine-fill background particulates and a blue-gray vein. Formica's Artisan finish adds a smooth, slightly glossy surface that brings out the details of the pattern, according to the manufacturer. The Formica Brand Quartz Composite design starts at approximately \$28 per square foot, fabricated and installed. [formica.com](http://formica.com)

### 3. Touchless Faucet

Moen has added its MotionSense Wave feature to its Arbor faucet collection, a one-handle high-arc pull-down kitchen faucet. The fixture's touchless motion-activated sensor, located on the side opposite the handle, allows users to turn water on and off with a wave of a hand. Moen says the feature provides ease of use, energy and water savings, and increased control over the spread of germs. The faucet is available in polished-chrome, spot-resistant-stainless, and oil-rubbed-bronze finishes. Prices range from \$495 to \$710. [moen.com](http://moen.com)



### 4. Exterior-Use MDF

Accsys Group's Tricoya MDF is made from wood fibers that have undergone acetylation, which Accsys says alters cell structure to make wood more durable and dimensionally stable. Insect- and fungal-resistant, the MDF can be used in exterior applications—such as facades, cladding, fascia and soffit panels, and window components—and in wet interior applications, such as indoor pools and bathrooms. Tricoya MDF doesn't require sanding and is water-resistant after being cut into, Accsys says. Pricing varies by region and distributor. [tricoya.com](http://tricoya.com)

## Products

### 5. A Universal Swing Door Locking System

Universal Multipoint Series hardware from Inox is designed to fit the multipoint locking systems of most major door manufacturers, eliminating the need to void a door's warranty by drilling new holes to fit new hardware. The trim includes a hidden framework with an adjustable thru-bolt distance that can be configured by up to 1½ inches on the top and 2 inches on the bottom. Its triple-spring support reduces lever sag over time, Inox says. Twenty-six modern- and transitional-style handle designs and four metallic finishes are available. Prices range from \$200 to \$290. [inoxproducts.com](http://inoxproducts.com)



### 6. High-Strength Fasteners

MiTek has debuted its new Pro Series line of fasteners, which includes washer-head, bugle-head, and hex-head structural wood screws. Available in an exterior or yellow zinc finish, the MiTek washer-head screw is suitable for deck ledger attachments, multi-ply EWP, and dimensional wood connections. MiTek's hex-head and general-purpose bugle-head screws offer a high-strength alternative to traditional lag screws. All fasteners have a "cut point" to eliminate the need for predrilling and reduce installation torque and splitting. Pricing varies by fastener grade and length. [uspconnectors.com](http://uspconnectors.com)



### 7. Touch-Control Showerheads

American Standard's Spectra+ Touch and eTouch showerheads allow users to change spray patterns with a touch control on the fixture's outside ring. The Spectra+ eTouch includes a remote that can be wall-mounted anywhere in the shower for easy access. Spray patterns include drench, jet, massage, and gentle. The 7-inch heads are available with a 2.5-gpm standard flow rate or a 1.8-gpm rate that is WaterSense certified and CalGreen compliant. Depending on finish, the Spectra+ Touch ranges from \$140 to \$190 and the Spectra+ eTouch ranges from \$180 to \$240. [americanstandard-us.com](http://americanstandard-us.com)



### 8. One-Hour Exterior Sealant

Dap says its Dynaflex Ultra Advanced Exterior Sealant provides UV protection as well as dirt, water, mold, mildew, and algae resistance. Paint- and rain-ready one hour after application, the sealant will not wash out or undergo rain damage, the company says, and paint that's applied to the sealant after one hour will not crack, gloss, or dull. Dynaflex Ultra is available in five colors, and costs between \$6.50 and \$8. [dap.com](http://dap.com)







### 9. Engineered 'Cedar' Siding

LP SmartSide has added Cedar Texture Vertical Siding to its line of engineered-wood siding and trim. The siding's 16-foot length allows for one-piece installation and eliminates horizontal joints. For a board-and-batten look, it can be used with LP SmartSide Cedar Texture or Reversible Trim. LP also suggests this new line can be installed across an entire building or as an accent panel. Check with your local distributor for pricing. [lpcorp.com](http://lpcorp.com)



### 10. Balcony Waterproofing

Tamko's line of Balcony/Breezeway waterproofing products is specifically designed to help prevent water intrusion at exposed balcony and breezeway areas, the company says. The line includes TWP-2 Water-Based Primer and TWP-1 Quick-Dry Primer for prepping OSB decks, as well as TW-60 Sheet Waterproofing Membrane (for application over the deck), TW-105 Flashing, and TWM-1 Mastic. The membrane is made with a quick-release film for easy roll-out. Tamko says it designed the system to cut down on installation time by eliminating the need for corner metal flashings. Pricing varies by market. [tamko.com](http://tamko.com)



### 11. Wood-Look Beam Accessories

Fypon has added beam end caps and tops to its collection of rustic Woodgrain Beams and accessories. The company says the end caps can be used with any Fypon Woodgrain Beam size and style, while beam tops fit 6-inch-by-8-inch and 8-inch-by-10-inch beams. Fypon beams, tops, and caps are made from polyurethane, which the company says does not split, crack, warp, mold, or dry out like real wood. The new end and top caps are ideal for creating mantels, shelves, or door frames, Fypon says. An 8-inch-by-10-inch-by-12-foot beam with end caps costs \$360. [fypon.com](http://fypon.com)



### 12. A Low-NOx Gas Furnace

Lennox's SL280NV Ultra Low NOx gas furnace is the first product on the market that meets new California low-emission regulations. The furnace produces 65% lower NOx emissions than standard low NOx furnaces, Lennox says, burning more NOx emissions at a higher temperature. The SL280NV has a heating efficiency rating of 80% AFUE and includes a variable-speed blower and two-stage gas valve for quiet adjustment of airflow and heating output. Pricing varies by distributor. [lennox.com](http://lennox.com)